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## Thru The Peepsight

G. I. Summary  
Of World News  
BY SGT. O. J. REMINGTON

ROMANCE AND WAR appear to go hand in hand. At least, the county clerks of more than 3,000 counties in this land of ours have been called upon to write considerably more licenses to wed during 1942 than any year since. Recent survey shows that about 1,800,000 marriages were performed during the year, which is an increase of about 80 per cent over 1932, the low point of the unlamented depression.

NEWS WAS looking up for other besides the county clerks and parsons, too, as the War progressed.

Best news comes from Russia, where the Red armies are bus as bees picking off the remnants of the great Nazi army that has largely been besieged and starved. The job once it was finished soon, barring unforeseen happenings, Russian sources estimate that some 220,000 Germans will be surrounded, and at last report, about 50,000 have left after they had refused to accept terms of surrender, and were being annihilated.

At the same time, the Russians continue advances in the all-vital oil regions of the Caucasus, and so far as that goes, practically all along the long-extended Russian front.

From present indications, the Russian drive is in high gear and seems to be rolling along even better than the winter campaign last year. Question: How much will the Russian advance take out of the German command? Upon that question may hinge coming summer operations of the United Nations.

In Europe itself, the might of the RAF continues to be visited upon German industrial areas. Terrifically heavy raids upon the heart of Berlin, with week Nazi retaliation upon London, appears most significant so far. British announce that anti-aircraft fire protecting the German capital "was weak."

In Africa, Allied forces again are on the advance, with Tripoli, last stronghold of Mussolini's once vast African empire, being threatened.

The Japs now appear to have opened another round in their obstinate battle to retake Guadalcanal Island and American positions were being bombed heavily but the Japanese still were unable to gain foothold despite desperate efforts which have cost them very heavily in men and ships as well.

Americans continue to deliver bombs on Munda, located in New Guinea. Our airplanes also have intercepted destroyers that apparently were setting out to make a landing on Guadalcanal.

ALONG THE domestic front, considerable headway is being made in a drive for the "Run-Ride" plan, under which personal income taxes as a pay-as-you-go basis by skipping 1942 taxes and substituting a direct method of collecting for current expenses.

President Roosevelt has asked Congress to provide a supplemental appropriation of \$4,000,000,000 for the maritime commission's expansion of merchant shipbuilding.

The President's budget message to Congress forecast federal expenditures of \$108 billion in the fiscal year 1944 and called for \$6 billion in new construction, taxation, savings or war. Proposed total costs for 1944 were set at \$160 billion. War expenditures for 1942, as released by OWI, totaled more than \$52 billion—3.6 times the amount spent in 1941—but at the end of the year, they were running at an annual rate of about \$74 billion.

Emphasizing that methods of taxation should be determined by Congress, the President asked Congress to put taxpayers on a pay-as-you-go basis, simplify the tax system and effect certain reforms in the tax structure. Specifically, these reforms would include changes in the depletion-of-reserves provisions, extension to all income of the tax on the limited sum of \$25,000 net on earned income, removal of the tax exemption from future issues of securities and curtailment of the advantages of joint income returns still allowed married couples in some states. Likewise, he recommended by 4,500 officials of the American Federation of Labor from 12 southern states took steps to double production of war materials during 1943, as a result of their meeting in Atlanta. A 13-point program appears significant. It includes independent financing of the national policy; less delay in sending interpretation of international rulings and orders and decisions to offices of state federations; full representation on government boards that affect labor; appeal to press and public against adverse legislation; efforts to combat war savings; repeal of the poll tax as a condition to voting; equal rights for all in labor regardless of race or color; establishment of minimum wage scale.

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## Sound Effects Simulate Fury Of Modern War

TIS 'Noise Makers' Play Vital Role In Troop Training

Simulated battle conditions through use of sound effects, is the latest wrinkle in teaching the art of warfare, developed at the Infantry School at Fort Benning to save thousands of dollars in live ammunition annually and to release thousands of troops, airplanes and cannon for other duty.

In fact, so costly would be the use of actual troops, planes and other equipment to produce the same effects in training of officer candidates and troops as well, that their use would be practically impossible.

Thus the sound section of the Infantry School is contributing at every little cost a training that it would scarcely be possible to attain outside of actually facing an enemy. And this in turn means that new American officers receiving training will be invaluable to them and their men as well when they actually lead troops into combat.

The sound section is serving in other capacities also, including work in developing many new techniques in loud speaker systems, some of which will have commercial value in radio after the war, training of communication men in taking messages under war-battle conditions, and training technicians.

The section also is set up in order to carry warning all over the See SOUND, Page 8

## Tiny Hand Grenade Comes Into Its Own; G. I.'s Back From War Call for More

Yanks Thoroughly Trained In Use Of Potent Weapon

BY LT. REUBEN A. HOLDEN

B. A. E., Bayonet, and Grenade Group, The Infantry School

Wherever men are fighting today they are making use of one of the most powerful of all the weapons of warfare, the mighty little grenade. Every report from the battlefield bears that out, and it is similarly true that the men who return from the fighting zones always express the hope that the next time they can get their hands on more grenades.

In close contact the rifle is the weapon normally employed. But the rifle is powerless against opponents who have the shelter of a deep trench or a hole or the protection of an intervening hill. As a result a weapon has had to be evolved that would have as much destructive force as possible, combined with such a variable trajectory that mere depth would be rendered no real protection.

### DEVELOPS GRENADE

The gun of the Field Artillery at longer range and the mortars at shorter ranges have been designed for this purpose. The further necessity of providing the individual doughboy with a weapon of similar characteristics came development of the grenade, and today grenades have come to be universally regarded as indispensable both in attack and defense.

The gun section is serving in the Field Artillery, also, including work in developing many new techniques in loud speaker systems, some of which will have commercial value in radio after the war, training of communication men in taking messages under war-battle conditions, and training technicians.

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THE ART OF THROWING a grenade consists of combining a shot-put with a catcher's peg plus the follow-through. A member of the First Parachute Infantry Brigade shows how it's done in the above photo. And God pity the guy on the receiving end. (Photo by Palmer.)

## Col. Stubbs To Be Moved

Col. Jackson Named 2nd STR Commander

Colonel Maurice G. Stubbs, commanding officer of the Second Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, has been transferred to a new assignment, it was announced today, and will leave his present post on Saturday.

Colonel Edward B. Jackson, executive officer of the regiment, will succeed Colonel Stubbs as commanding officer in the organization. Major Lester E. Winslow, formerly commanding officer of Second Battalion Headquarters in the regiment, will be succeeded by McGaffey today by Major H. E. McGaffey, exchange officer.

Although Colonel Stubbs' new assignment has not been announced publicly, it was disclosed that he will attend the division officers' course at The Infantry School, commencing February 1st.

Colonel Stubbs, who received his commission in the Army on August 13, 1917, at the first Signal Training Regiment at Fort Riley, Kan., assumed command of the Second Student Training Regiment upon its activation on November 13, 1941. Since that time, Col. Stubbs has nurtured the growth of the vast training unit of the vast training unit for officer candidates.

During World War I, Col. Stubbs served with the 12th Division.

He was later assigned to Fort Benning in 1919, and assumed the job of post adjutant. In succeeding years, Col. Stubbs took additional courses at The Infantry School and served a tour of duty in Hawaii.

## Exchange Soda Fountain Will Open Next Tuesday; Cafe Nears Completion

Expanded Facilities Will Ease Shortage Of Dining Space

Malted milks and cokes will now be dispensed from the new soda fountain on Ingerson street and Wold avenue about next week.

The rest of the new building is still going on. It is expected that the restaurant and cafeteria will be open for business about February 1st.

Since last summer, construction of the new, modern exchange building on Ingerson street has been progressing rapidly during the winter months.

The eating facilities to be afforded by the establishment will solve many eating problems at the post.

### OFFICES MOVE

On the second floor of the new building, which is 188 feet long by 200 feet wide, the business offices of the Exchange will be located. Presently situated in the towers at Doughboy stadium, the offices will be moved starting next Thursday.

The soda fountain, which is presently located in Doughboy stadium, closed last night for in-

## 'Hit The Deck' Schedule Posted

'Hit The Deck' opens at the Main Theatre on the post proper next Tuesday. The two-act comedy will give two performances daily during the five day stay at the post.

Four shows at the Main theatre on Jan. 26 and 27, starting at 8:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., will be the menu for soldiers of the Main Post. The second show on Jan. 27 will be for colored personnel only.

The rest of the evening shows will be given at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 29 and 30, at the 16th Armored Division parking Theatre No. 7 for the show, and the last two days at Fort Benning will be spent in Harmony Church at Theatres 11 and 14, in that order.

"Hit The Deck" will put on a special performance at the Station Hospital on Jan. 28 at 8:45 p.m. for the benefit of the patients.

A complete story is published elsewhere in today's Bayonet.

## PX Planning Counter Attack

There are lots of folks at Fort Benning counting on the opening of the new cafeteria in the exchange building on Ingerson street and Wold avenue shortly.

But, until exchange officials can acquire a long cafeteria counter to seat the eating place, the opening date will be delayed. Tentatively slated to open about February 1, there may be a further delay, it was indicated today by Major H. E. McGaffey, exchange officer.

Exchange officials are doing their best to find a counter. If YOU might know where a suitable one can be found, Major McGaffey would like to know where to find it.

### OFFICES MOVE

Two separate decorations for extraordinary heroism under fire in New Guinea have been awarded 1st Lt. Herbert G. Peabody, formerly assigned to the 29th Infantry here, according to word reaching Fort Benning. The awards including the Distinguished Service Cross and an Oak Leaf in lieu of the D. S. M. were made by General Douglas MacArthur.

Lt. Peabody won his first D. S. C. for bravery in action last November 16; his second for heroism under fire on December 15, near Buna, New Guinea.

The citation accompanying the decorations said that the five-man group commanded by Lt. Peabody joined in the rescue of Allied soldiers from a small boat which was under attack by the Japanese on the coast of New Guinea on November 16.

"When enemy airplanes," the citation reads, "attacked and fired to several small ships carrying our personnel, Lt. Peabody called for volunteers, and with four enlisted men, he boarded a coastal vessel and ordered it to proceed to the burning ship. Despite bombing and strafing they continued to search for survivors until long after dark."

### HEROISM NEAR BUNA

Lt. Peabody won his Oak Leaf cluster for heroism near Buna on December 15 when a rifle company patrol broke through enemy lines and established itself on that hill that place.

"They only supply route lay

through an enemy position," the citation stated. "Peabody led a carrying unit forward to replenish the patrol's ammunition, and had to crawl through enemy mortar fire and sniper activity to make the delivery."

The decorations are reported to be the first of the D. S. C. type to be bestowed during the Buna fighting.

While in the 29th Lt. Peabody was engaged in a problem.

Mrs. Rockwell accompanied her

husband on the trip to Fort Benning.

Although he resided in New Rochelle, N. Y., for many years, ning.

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# SPORTSCASTING

BY SGT. CARL NEU

It's about time that someone stepped to the fore with a good word for the beleaguered men who officiate sports events at Benning. For some time now, we've been watching and hearing umpires and referees take a much worse "beating" than they deserve. Of course, the old game of umpire-baiting goes hand-in-hand with American sports and in peacetime civilian days, it's probably a healthy sign. But it seems to this corner that an overdose of it in Army sports is a little off the beam.

The men who officiate Benning games are, for the most part, officers and non-coms who are willing to come out and work for a very moderate fee because they are interested in the sport. They give up their own leisure time and as far as we know have always been more than obliging to help out in any emergencies. The officiating during the recent grid campaign was not what you might find in big-time college circles, but neither was the brand of football that was played. On the whole, the grid refs did a good job. They kept the games under control, and clean football was the result. But they took an awful lambasting from the stands and the team.

Now that the court campaign has gotten under way, the same hue and cry has begun again. All that one well-known, and in my opinion excellent, referee had to do the other night was walk on the court when his loud-voiced grandstand adversary started barking. It didn't seem very fair to this scribe to start crucifying a man for a foul he might have called a year ago on the rooster's favorite team. Yet, that's what some of the fans seem to delight in doing.

Frankly, the situation is this. The athletic association obtains the best available officials at the post, and the men are carefully selected for their past experience and reputation as officials. For the most part, Army men are used, since it is believed they have more of an interest in developing post sports than outside civilians. Also, officials for some reason are scarce this year. Therefore, it is either a case of getting along with the available men, or discontinuing the present abundant sports program. So c'mon fellas, let's quit the beefing and remember that if you can't boost, don't knock!

Heard from Lieut. William C. (Wild Bill) Fannin, Camp Rucker's athletic director, the other day. Bill used to be the big-wig of Benning boxing circles, and this year is carrying on at a new, cauliflower-ear stand. He relates that he already has two crack pugilistic teams at Rucker, one of them composed entirely of colored slingers. And naturally he is anxious to match the Rucker wreckers with a couple of Benning ring teams. Plans are already underway, and if transportation difficulties can be overcome, a couple of good matches may result.

One real bright ray in the word that a match between colored boxers from Benning and Rucker may be arranged is the fact that Fannin has a crackerjack heavyweight whom he could match against Eddie Jackson, the ring maestro of the 3rd STR. Jackson, you know, is the ex-pro slugger, who used to spar around with Abe Simon and some more of champ Joe Louis' opponents. Jackson is a great performer, but has only appeared once in a post ring because no suitable opponent could be found for him. So Benning fans may be in for a rare treat if Sergeant Eddie, who's a real big-timer, climbs into the squared circle against a Rucker rival.

Speaking of Fannin reminds us that word came to the post over the week-end of the promotion of Lieut. Louis M. Van Houten to the rank of captain over at Fort Screen near Savannah. Captain Van Houten preceded Lt. Col. Charles C. Flanagan as athletic officer here, and held the post for over a year. He is now a quartermaster officer, in charge of the transportation section. Prior to his Army service, the ex-Benning sports head was athletic director and head coach at Marist College in Atlanta. He is still taking a hand at athletics as coach of the Screen court edition this winter which has won nine and lost four to date.

It won't be so very long now until the temp is dusting off the old platter again and yelling "Play ball!" at good old Gowdy Field. Indications are that it will be one of the biggest of all baseball years at Benning. At this writing it seems extremely doubtful that there will be a post team as days of yore. Gas rationing, and other transportation difficulties will probably prevent most college and pro teams from visiting the post. The rah-rah nines undoubtedly will forego the spring trips that used to bring teams like Michigan State and Illinois College to the post, while the pro clubs are all expected to stay at home and train. Columbus may not even have a team, so the only competition would be from nearby

schools like Auburn, Oglethorpe and some of the others, and they may not be able to travel either. If there is a post team, it will mean the 54th will stay earlier and play a longer schedule. A full-field softball team is also under consideration, so don't worry, there will be plenty of diamond sport at the old camp ground this summer.

A southern service team's basketball tourney will be held in the municipal auditorium at Macon around the middle of February under the auspices of the Army USO athletic council of that city and will be a good possibility that several Benning quintets may be represented. The competition will probably be plenty rugged, since some of the best basketball clubs in the country are right here in southeastern Army camps this winter. However, we'll wager that there are at least four Benning teams that could do better than hold their own in the championship tourney, and it is fondly hoped that at least a couple of these units can see their way clear to send teams to the Macon affair.

**BAYONET TIPS**—The consistently good sports photos which appear on these pages weekly are usually the products of three G. I.'s in the new post signal photo lab who have put a lot of time and effort into helping ye sports editor. They are Ed Bourne, Don Kortemeier, and Mel Stock and along with their boss, Capt. Herbert Cooley, who snapped some of the grid pictures, have been keeping readers a complete pictorial coverage of post sports ever since the Bayonet began. Full story below.

Saturday night's nightcap at the gym between the Two-Nine and Academic Profs will bring together for the first time this year the two clubs that fought it out in last winter's title play-off with the Devils taking the honors... The brand new 30th Infantry may field one of the best baseball nines at this time spring. They have a plentiful supply of ex-pro talent... Tip-of-the-week to Tony Byzsky, court star of the 53rd Hospital's entry in the main post loop. He's the flashiest ball-handler to covet on a post court in many years, and also an outstanding muckraker.

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# Conference Rivals Clash On Saturday



**HIGH-FLYING CHUTISTS** of the 507th Parachute Infantry, now the post's only unbeaten court squad with a record of eight straight wins, hail from all over the country and boast a wide variety of previous experience. Here they are lined up in their Alabama gym, with the exception of Harmon (Tex) Walters, the high-scoring ace from Rice institute who is on the injured list. Reading from left to right you can see Windsor, former Central High star from Phenix City; Fessler, ex-Pennsylvania schoolboy star; Cofar, former Columbus High player; Wagoner, of Michigan Adrian College in Ohio; Scott, former University of Oregon ace; Ardziejewski, from Ripon college in Michigan; Smith, Badger star from Wisconsin; and Stout, who formerly played for Cumberland College in Kentucky. They will defend their win streak against the New York Celtics in a game this Saturday night in their own gym.

## Third Armored Unit Whips 54th's Pugs

Champs To Be Crowned March 26

The Tenth Armored Tigers boxing tournament got under way Monday night with the Third Armored Regiment's Third Battalion winning three of the five bouts against the Second Battalion of the 54th Armored Infantry.

The bouts were the first preliminaries of inter-battalion competition which will conclude March 26 with the crowning of the 26 individual champions in each weight. The battalion champion ship will be determined by the number of points amassed by the individual fighters as they progress through the various rounds, since there will be no team fighting after the preliminaries.

Two middleweights, Pvt. John Kubina of the 54th and Pvt. Pete Lowendowski of the 3rd, gave the best exhibition Monday as Kubina won the decision on the strength of a nine count knock-down just before the bell ending the final third round.

**BETTER FIGHTER**

In losing, Lowendowski showed himself a better fighter than did any of the men who won in their weights. But the two-listed body slugging by the weaving Kubina kept the fight at virtually a draw until the closing seconds of the last round.

Then Kubina slipped across ring which was just strong enough to slip Lowendowski to his knees. He started to bounce right back off the canvas, then settled back on his knee to wait

## Celtics-507th Play Saturday

One of America's foremost court teams, the famous New York Celtics, will visit Fort Benning on Saturday night when they face the undefeated 507th Parachute quintet in the chutist's gym in the Alabama area, it was announced late last night. The tilt-off will be at 7:30 o'clock.

The Celtics boast some of the most colorful performers on the hardwood, including Davey Banks, playing his twentieth year on the same team; Nat Hickey, Rusty Sanders, and Bob Synott are other greats who will oppose the 507th squad which boasts the Devil pivot, while Bob Keary and Mike Hutchins are expected to continue in their guard roles.

The Profs will be paced, as usual, by their high-scoring player-coach, Lieut. Frank Shannon. The former Wittenberg College flash has practically returned to his 1942 form, and is hitting the nets with a regular regularity again. He will start at forward, leading the defense, post-champs of the 5th Infantry, and several city clubs.

Horton Smith, who has earned more than \$100,000 in golf prize money in the last 10 years as a top-flight tournament contender, is now going through his basic training at the Army Air Forces Technical Training School at Knollwood Field, N. J. Smith's home is in Joplin, Mo.

Both teams will be led by their respective coaches, Lieut. Sanders of the 3rd and Pvt. Delane of the 54th.

In the heavyweight division stocky Pvt. John Delane of the 54th dispatched his bigger brother, J. H. Sanders of the 3rd to win the decision. Sanders tried to stand Delane off with his longer arms instead of blocking his face with his gloves, and Delane, though taking some blows in the face, managed to break through for more punches to Sanders' face.

Welterweight Pvt. Lyle Bildeau of the 54th, a Minnesota Indian who had never been in the ring before, did an expert job of blocking the blows of Winner Pvt. Michael Contreva, but he was never able to get any offensive started.

Those who advanced to the quarter-finals by default were Cpl. R. A. Wheeler, 3rd, flyweight; Pvt. T. Elston, 54th, bantamweight; and Pvt. T. A. Anderson, 3rd, featherweight.

Those who advanced to the semi-finals by default included the 54th and one by the 3rd. Even so, the fighters had plenty of packing from their buddies, who filled the ring with their reserves.

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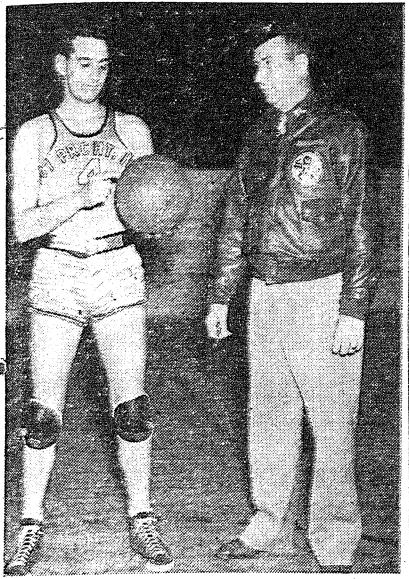
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# - SPORTS -



PLANNING FUTURE WINS for the crack 507th Parachute quintet are Lieut. Karl Littig, coach and captain of the all-winning club, and Col. George V. Millett, commanding officer of the regiment, who is an ardent fan and former West Point basketeer.

## Gators Topple Devils, Lead Conference Race

Herndon Sparks 124th In Smashing Upset of 29th Quintet by 33-29 Count

In an aggressive and hard-fought game at the Harmony Church sports arena Tuesday, the gallivanting Gator courtmen of the 124th Infantry completely upset the pre-season dope in the Fort Benning Conference by whipping the defending champs of the 29th Infantry by a 33-29 count, and snatching undisputed possession of first place in the loop race.

Two other conference tilts were also waged Tuesday with the resounding 117th Infantry Breakers moving into a second place tie with the defending champs of the 29th, while the 124th overcame a 41-40 victory over the Station Hospital quint at the main post. In the prelim at Harmony Church, Lawson Field chalked up its first win by toppling the 1st Student Training five, 50-22, & Main Post League tilt was also played with the 80th Observation team defeating the 2nd General Hospital, 25-21.

The Gator victory on the center court of the spacious arena was sparked by the spectacular efforts of Johnny Herndon, a sub center, who again to completely demoralize the defending champs.

After a time-out, the Devils' airmen were hard hit just before the decision, and the 124th, with Tippy Friedman, pivot, brought the count to 31-29. The bell for the remainder of the arena was a deadman for fully seven minutes at the end, but with Bill McAlfe and Ace Hall of 14 markers, Mike Durnin, star, and guard, Bill Horne, who under-herded the right wing, won the scoring race, with 16 markers apiece, while the 29th had eleven markers.

It was the third straight loop win for the rampaging Gators who were not even rated as a dark horse when the loop opened last week. They have now clinched the Academic Regiments and the Parachute School as well as the 29th.

Tuesday's decision went to the Gators because they played more aggressive ball and because Lieut. Leonante Hovis Bender and Ants Jackson, 124th coaches, made more liberal use of substitutes. The Gators kept up a terrific pace from start to finish, and controlled the ball both backboards for most of the game.

The Devils got off to a good start and appeared to be playing well within themselves until near the end of the first half, when the Gators started their first rally with two minutes of the semester ending. Pete Pietro fired a long shot past the ultimate winner out in front for the first time. However, Joe Stolarzyk's leave limited the count at 15-all just before intermission.

Hernon replaced Foster at center for the Gators at the start of the second half, and immediately made a twin-decker to give the Gators lead. The two brief intermissions in the third period when the Devils pulled up on even terms, was at one of these points with the score at 25-all that the Gators broke the game wide open with three straight field

## Basketball Standings

FORT BENNING CONFERENCE

W. L. Pet. Ofc. Lie. and Gruber.

**MAIN POST LEAGUE**

L. Pet. Ofc. Lie. and Gruber.

Pats Katura, two other gridders, also bring up the action.

**PARTICULATE SCHOOL** G. F. T.P.

Campbell, f..... 2 0 0 0

Fraser, f..... 2 0 0 0

Feeback, f..... 2 0 0 0

Lawrence, g..... 2 0 0 0

**Total**..... 6 0 0 0

**124th INFANTRY** G. F. T.P.

Sims, f..... 2 0 0 0

Horn, f..... 2 0 0 0

Egler, f..... 2 0 0 0

Kilmer, f..... 2 0 0 0

Kurans, f..... 2 0 0 0

Foster, f..... 2 0 0 0

Henderson, c..... 2 0 0 0

Walker, b..... 2 0 0 0

Bradley, g..... 2 0 0 0

**Total**..... 6 0 0 0

**117th INFANTRY** G. F. T.P.

Stevens, f..... 2 0 0 0

McGinnis, f..... 2 0 0 0

Boyle, f..... 2 0 0 0

Brinkley, f..... 2 0 0 0

Lawson Field, f..... 2 0 0 0

**Total**..... 6 0 0 0

**80th OBSERVATION** G. F. T.P.

McGinnis, f..... 2 0 0 0

Fraser, f..... 2 0 0 0

Feeback, f..... 2 0 0 0

Lawrence, g..... 2 0 0 0

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**1st STUDENT TRNG** G. F. T.P.

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**1st PARACHUTE SCHOOL** G. F. T.P.

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**1st MEDICO** G. F. T.P.

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**1st ENGINEER** G. F. T.P.

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Lawrence, g..... 2 0 0 0

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**1st SIGNAL** G. F. T.P.

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**1st MEDICAL** G. F. T.P.

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**1st AIRPORT** G. F. T.P.

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**1st POLICE** G. F. T.P.

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# Medical Soldiers Travel No 'Easy' Road To Glory And Quick Ratings

Their Reward Consists of Smiles In Exchange For Relief of Pain

"Join the medical department and get yourself a quick and easy rating as a pill-pusher!"

Personnel of the Detachment, Medical Department, Station Hospital, are growing a bit weary of hearing this statement babbled forth from the mouths of small minority of narrow minded people who probably utter these words because they are uninformed.

"If getting a 'quick and easy' rating" consists of caring for the sick and tending to simple and minor, the salt and the bland for twenty-four hours a day; if a "quick" rating comes from a laborious study of the complexities of X-ray, laboratory, dental work, physiotherapy, surgery, orthopedics, pharmacuetics, and war management, okay! The medical men, once you consider it a "quick and easy" road to stripes, but just suppose you folks come down and try our work out for a while," the medics retort.

## LARGEST IN U. S.

The work of the medical detachment here at Benning, a detachment which is the largest of its kind in the entire nation, is perhaps best epitomized in the words of Major John B. Joyner, the Detachment's commanding officer, in a statement to his com-

"You work while others sleep. The sick and injured are always with us. Your greatest reward is not medals, but it is a sign of satisfaction when your ministrations have made pain less severe or brought a smile of contentment to the faces of kind and encouraging words."

The Detachment, now preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the largest Detachment supplying any hospital in the country, is comprised of hundreds of men doing every type of imaginable job kept busy at Station Hospital, running with clock-like precision. Many of these men are here solely for training purposes, some come in "green" from farms and factories. Here they learn their work by practical application, and upon leaving many are skilled in all classes of hospital management.

The Army realizes that men doing work of this type must have recreation; without it they would be unable to keep up their own morale, much less the morale of the ailing and wounded patients. A medical soldier must be patient and must have the proper spirit else he is defeated even before he begins.

For this reason the Detachment has a complete recreational program in which all the men may participate. It has three complete day-rooms which offer everything to the soldiers. Two also boasts of tennis courts, a basketball court, a touch football field and a boxing arena. There is a library of hundreds of the latest "best-sellers," shelves upon shelves of the latest maga-



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Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Stier, boy, Jan. 12; 1st Co., 1st Academic Regt.  
Sgt. and Mrs. Robert W. Berry, Sgt., 1st Co., 1st Academic Dept., Station Hospital.  
Pfc. and Mrs. Merle T. Nelson, boy, Jan. 12; 1st Co., 1st Academic Dept.  
Pfc. and Mrs. Martin Dubuque, boy, Jan. 12; 1st Co., 1st Academic Dept.  
Capt. and Mrs. E. K. Kovar, boy, Jan. 12; 8th Division, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.  
1st Lt. and Mrs. William L. Morris, boy, Jan. 12; Dispensary, 1st Student Training Regiment.  
Pfc. and Mrs. Clinton Arrest, boy, Jan. 12; 12th Co., 1st Student Training Regiment.  
Pfc. Peter and Mrs. Peter Lombard, boy, Jan. 11; Co. "E," 24th Infantry.  
Pfc. and Mrs. Peter Lombard, boy, Jan. 12; Co. "I," 25th Infantry.

## Tiny—

(Continued from Page 1) grenade supplanted the rifle as the chief weapon in trench warfare. At critical moments a soldier will often prefer a hand grenade which he can throw toward an enemy to one which he cannot see his opponent. The effect of a grenade is greater and more widespread than a rifle shot and has a considerably greater effect on morale.

The little "pineapple" is not a new instrument of war. The word "grenade" comes from the French word "grenade," "filled with graine," and is closely related to the Spanish word "granada" or "pomegranate," thus indicating the resemblance between the fruit and the grenade first used by the Spanish.

The flares and fire pots thrown by early cave dwellers, the Chinaman's fire, a vial of some foul-smelling liquid, was used as early as 500 B. C. Ancient warriors in the Far East were also known to have made use of a small box or earthenware containing vipers which could be thrown at the enemy. Grenades of this type were used in 250 B. C. by the Romans to combat the elephant charge of Pyrrhus, the King of Epirus, and again for the same purpose in the second Punic War.

## USED BY GREEKS

Chemical grenades were used by the Greeks as early as 400 B. C. These were made of iron sulphur, pitch and faggots—a virtual incendiary bomb. The Phoenicians produced one of phosphorus, and another type was instigated by the armies of the Caliph of Bagdad. This was a burning gelatinous, which later during the crusades the Saracens developed a grenade on the same order from naphtha.

However, the first really effective employment of the weapon came in 1536 during the siege of Aragon. The first recorded use of grenade was introduced and fostered by a French military engineer, Vauban. By the end of the next century the soldiers of France had produced the means whereby grenades could be fired from the hand.

In the reign of Louis XIV the first grenadier company was formed. Chosen for it were the best men in the regiment, selected for their courage, service, and ability. The grenadiers wore high beret-like hats to distinguish themselves, and soon their prominence became such that every European country established companies of grenadiers, and even regiments of grenadiers. The British grenadiers regiment even today is the cream outfit of the army and is the honor guard of all parades.

## REVIVED BY UNION

At the beginning of the 19th Century, with the introduction of long range guns and greater accuracy of rifles, the grenade fell into disuse. It was revived by the United States in the war between the states when a concern in New York started manufacturing round cast-iron bombs weighing five pounds.

At the siege of Port Arthur in 1904, during the Russo-Japanese War, the Japanese instituted their first use of grenades. The Russians being unprepared for this type of warfare had to improvise their own. They picked up empty artillery cases from the battlefield, filled them with gun cotton and fuse, and used them to their great advantage. The success obtained by the use of grenades in this engagement led to the invention of many new standard types and their subsequent adoption by all armies.

But prior to World War I, few besides the Germans had any conception of the great use that this weapon was to have in the coming war. This placed the Allies at a great disadvantage during the early stages until their greed and carelessness delayed the German trained to use them. The German potato masher received the greatest prominence, and today it is still one of the most effective. It consists of a tin cylinder and a long wooden handle which makes it easy to throw.

## BRITISH HAIRBRUSH

The British at first were forced to improvise their own grenades on the front line. One of these makeshift types was the "jam tin," a tin can filled with gunpowder, a stick of dynamite, a tin can lid, a bolt, and a rock, etc., tied with a fused block of TNT. Later a handle was added, and the weapon was called the "hairbrush." It was not long, however, before the famous Mills Bomb was manufactured, and copied by our Army, and today the British have the greatest variety of bombs and grenades.

Every country now produces a wide assortment, usually three kinds: (1) offensive—light, easy to throw, usually of tin or glass with a chemical agent for harassing effect; (2) defensive—heavy, shorter range, the frag-

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## Noted Artist Sketches Cartoons of O. C. Life

'Mickey' Bach Rated Among Leaders Of Sports Cartooning

Last week the BAYONET introduced to its readers O. C. Mel Casson, one of its eminent cartoon contributors. This week we are presenting Lt. Michael "Mickey" Bach, assistant public relations officer of the Third Student Training Regiment, who has been sketching for this paper the rib-tickling cartoons dealing with officer candidate life on the reservation.

Bach, coming into the Army, like Bach was sports cartoonist for the Minneapolis Star-Journal and is considered one of the foremost cartoonists of the nation. The fact that he is included in "Who's Who" is some evidence of his national reputation.

The artist holds a baccalaureate degree from the University of Wisconsin. After graduation he was illustrator for a widely-known advertising agency in Wisconsin.

For seven years he was associated with the Minneapolis Star-Journal, and during the last New York World's Fair submitted a cartoon which ranked among the first in a competition for the Mexican Celebrities.

While with the Minneapolis paper Lt. Bach covered the spring training activities of the Minne-

apolis Millers in Texas. In the course of one of these assignments, he crossed the border into Mexico, where he made bust sketches of high-ranking Mexican officials for publication. These sketches were similar to the artistic portraits he did for the BAYONET with Major General Leavenworth, Commandant of the Third Student Training Regiment, and with Intelligence chief Col. H. P. Perrine, executive officer; and Col. Robert H. Lord, commanding officer of the Third Student Training Regiment.

With CHICAGO SUN

Bach went back to his job in Minnesota, later joining the staff of the Chicago Sun when it was founded by Marshall Field. However, eight weeks later he was recalled by the Army, and in January 1942 was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he served with Intelligence chief Col. H. P. Perrine, executive officer; and Col. Robert H. Lord, commanding officer of the Third Student Training Regiment.

After his induction into the

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As a reward for having had the best mess hall in the First Battalion, First Student Training Regiment, during the past month, Mess Hall No. 1 has been prizéd with an "A" for excellence and each member of the personnel received a carton of cigarettes and a five-dollar bill.

The award is made on the basis of daily inspections, including kitchen, pantry, dining room, general police of the mess hall inside and out, and neatness and cleanliness of personnel.

Presentation of all awards are made by Col. Wilfred Jackson, son battalion commander, in a ceremony which is described as being "almost as impressive as a West Point graduation."

Military snap and precision mark the ceremonies, carrying out Jackson's idea that cooks, table waiters and kitchen police should prove that they are first and always soldiers.

The excellent reputation of the First Battalion Mess among students and faculty officers alike is a tribute to the wholesome spirit of friendly rivalry between the members of all mess halls under the sponsorship and guidance of Col. Jack C. Vaughan, mess officer, and 1st Lt. George J. Crump, assistant mess officer. The idea may well be carried back to many Army posts throughout the country as students officers return to their posts on the completion of their courses here, TIS officers declared.

Mess Hall No. 1 is under the supervision of Staff Sgt. Deas, and has the following members: cooks T. IV Hallum, T. V Law, T. V. Allen, Pcs. Toppin, Wilson, White, and Pcs. Clark, Bullock, Livingston, and Pcs. Johnson, Bryant, James, Griffin, Richardson, Smith, Thompson D., Wilson E., and McKinney; kitchen police Pcs. Brewer and Green, and Pts. Guy and Sullivan.

## O. C. Schools Supply Third Of Army Officers

Heralding the Army's democratic system of Officer Candidate Schools, which commissions soldiers after service in the regular Army, the following reveals that about one-third of the officers in the Army now are graduates of O. C. S. such as Benning's Infantry School.

The largest proportion of officers commissioned through Officer Candidate Schools, the War Department said, have received their gold bars within the last two years.

Almost one-half of the total officer strength of the Army today comes from the National Guard and organized reserves. Up to the end of 1942, 13,561 recent graduates of O. C. S. had received promotion from the initial grade of second lieutenants. Of these, 12,555 are now first lieutenants, 207 are captains, seven are majors, and one is a lieutenant colonel.

## 10th Armored Men Military Maids Enjoy Dance

One hundred and fifty officers and men of the 10th Armored Division's Headquarters Company played hosts to the Columbus Military Maids at a dance held at the Georgia Service Power Company Hall Thursday evening.

A celebration was in order. The company members presented Mrs. Hugh Roberts, head of the Military Maids, with a gift celebrating her birthday. The occasion also honored the basketball team who won their opening game 42 to 18 in the Cusseta League on Wednesday.

Celebrations for the evening were Mr. H. H. Oberholser, J. G. Strickland, Miss Waver Collier, Mrs. Winifred H. Baker, Miss Thelma Mann and Mrs. Eleanor Reidelheimer.

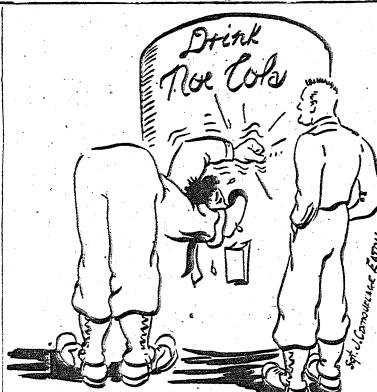
Capt. C. F. Neinzinger and Lts. Steve Lang, Charles Craig and Russell Lombardi of Headquarters Company were present.

Music was furnished by the 11th Armored Regiment's dance orchestra.

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LOSE SOMETHING SGT. MC DONALD?

## Max Sends Margie Hart Message of Condolence

Judging by the stuff we read these days, about everything has happened to Margie Hart, the burlesque stripper, who has been laid up in Kansas City with a bum leg from a downstairs fall.

About now, another thing is happening—she's getting a letter from a dog.

The dog is Max, the jumping parachuting mascot of the 505th Parachute Infantry. He, among others, is broken, having a mangled leg, the result of jumping bit by a 2 1/2 ton truck.

### THE LETTER

"Dear Margie Hart:

"As one broken-legged convalescent to another, I want to let you know I sympathize in every way."

"You fell downstairs, but me I have made eight successful parachute jumps with my outfit, the 505th Parachute Infantry, then walked across the road and was smacked in the region of most of your charms by a truck. I ended up looking more like an accordion than a dog."

"I am writing to you to tell you that they have published my picture so much in the regimental newspaper. I think the readers should have some relief. Therefore, would you please send me a photo of yourself, so I can give it to the editor?"

"One broken leg is very like another, I hear, but I somehow feel that the boys would find yours more interesting for a change."

"Please,

Sgt. MAX, Mascot  
505th Parachute Inf.  
Fort Benning, Ga.

"PS: In case you have a picture taken BEFORE your leg was broken, send it."

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Veterinarians attending the big dog claim this letter is evidence

## 10th Armored Promotes 25

Eleven first lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of captain and fourteen new first lieutenants have been appointed in the Tenth Armored Division.

The new captains are: William J. Daly, Thomas J. Hickerson, Jr., Richard J. Wolfrom and Robert E. Strickler of the 200th Field Artillery Battalion; David Shepherd and Fred H. Bryan of the 11th Regiment; Brady J. Dayton, Jr., of the 54th Infantry; Harvey L. Chenault of the Maintenance Battalion; James W. Turnbull of Division Trans.; John H. Clegg of the 150th Signal Company and Lawrence A. Crossman of the 55th Engineers.

The new first lieutenants are: Elihu B. Braunstein, Donald G. Brown and Theodore Fligstein of the 419th Field Artillery; Kenneth W. Burges, George A. Carson, Jr., Lester E. O'Riley, Walter P. Peters and Frank B. Smith of the 11th Regiment; Bruce R. Handley of the 420th Field Artillery; Fortunato A. Legana, Leslie J. Main and Henry W. Johnson of the 54th Infantry and Richard R. Bright of the Maintenance Battalion.

## New Headquarters Annex To House Civilian Personnel

Judging by the stuff we read these days, about everything has happened to Margie Hart, the burlesque stripper, who has been laid up in Kansas City with a bum leg from a downstairs fall.

Or, at least, it means his "so-called" secretary, self-appointed Staff Sgt. Harry E. Anderson, of Portland, Ore., is reacting normally.

Meanwhile Max is making the editorial page of the nation's press. The following was clipped from a Spartanburg, S. C., paper:

"Throw physic to the dogs: I'll have none of it," said Macbeth Well that is what the Army doctors and surgeons are doing to Max at Fort Benning.

"Mac is the famous canine paratrooper of the 505th Parachute Infantry who, after making eight successful jumps from planes, ran afoul of a 2 1/2-ton truck and suffered a fractured skull and a broken jaw. It looked like 'taps' to his master, but Army surgeons came to his rescue and, though he lost 20 pounds, he is recuperating and may live to go up in planes and perhaps to continue jumping from them."

"The story of Max's misfortune made the headlines of the press and from all sections of the country came messages of sympathy. Sunions made suggestions. All sorts offered to paint his picture. Men, women and children were interested and even other dogs sent messages of condolence through their masters and mistresses.

"That all goes to prove the great affection men feel for dogs. It is because men know that dogs possess a loyalty greater than they. Men know that dogs are truthful, brave, trustworthy. That is why some woman said 'the more I know of men the better I like dogs.'

"Max is as famous as a Hollywood actor and his fan mail is so large that a staff sergeant at Fort Benning has volunteered to act as his corresponding secretary.

Max is not eating the crumbs that fall from his master's table, nor will he do so if he recovers. The 'fat of the land' will be none too good for him."

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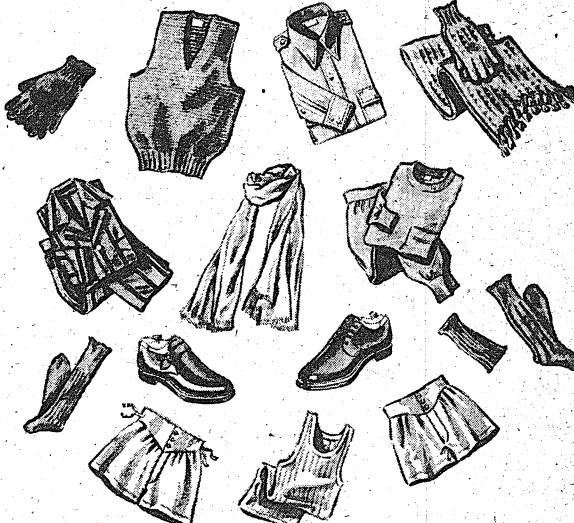


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# Fear, Anger, Self-Sacrifice Were Reactions to Jap Attack

Wounded Direct  
Stretchers-Bearers,  
To Injured Comrades

Fear, followed in turn by anger and a "don't give a damn" attitude plus a spirit of self sacrifice on the part of Americans were the conflicting emotions greeting the treacherous Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, according to one eye-witness.

Captain Lester J. Bridy of Second Company, Second Student Training Regiment, who was stationed at Hickam Field from Nov. 10, 1941, until last September, declares that the along with the Japanese in arms were first scared, then mad, and coolly nonchalant when the Nipponese came over Pearl Harbor.

"As for the wounded, O. C. Bridy said that it was surprising how the former reacted.

"They told the stretcher-bearers to work on the other men first. I never saw anything like it—everybody wanted the other guy to be helped first."

The barracks at Hickam were under construction when he arrived there.

"I saw 'em go up and I watched 'em come down," Bridy says.

"I was in barracks when the Japs came over," he relates.

"A lot of the boys were out taking a last smoke before going in to work. We weren't allowed to smoke within 50 feet of the hangars, and the men were on the field. The first warning we had was the sound of bombs hitting the buildings. They didn't even know planes were around until then."

"When those of us in the barracks heard the noise we looked out of the windows and then we saw what was happening and we streaked for the supply room, grabbing our rifles. The way we broke open boxes of ammunition and scooped out handfuls. Some of them went back to the barracks and started firing through the windows at the Japs while the rest of us began blazing away from the parade ground. The noise was terrific."

**TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT**

"After a while the Jap strafing was coming too close, and we started for the barracks to fire from there. When we almost到了 the door, the kid in front of me fell and the boy on my left was wounded. The command of a bomb knocked my rifle right out of my hands and threw me through the door into the barracks. It fell like my sides were going to explode. While I was getting up a sergeant standing near me fell over. A bullet came in through the wall, penetrated two partitions and got him."

Bridy said he wants to finish the course here, get a few months training in the States and then go back to the Pacific theater.

"I have three boys. I lived with most of them for two years, and I saw many of them die. I feel I got a crack at the Japs coming."

## Author Of One Of Best 1940 Plays Is With Academic Regiment

Author of 30 one-act plays and several three-act plays, Pfc. Robert Bernhard is a member of Company B, Academic Regiment. In 1940 one of his plays, "Summer Comes to the Diamond Off," was included in a published volume of the ten best plays of the year.

Private Finch has been a free lance writer and in 1940-41 was

employed as a \$1,000 Rockefeller fel-

lowship at the University of North Carolina. There he wrote a book,

"Survey of Drama in North Caro-

lina," which was published with

a foreword by Archibald Henderson, official biographer of George Bernard Shaw. He also taught radio playwriting while at Chapel Hill.

Bernard, writing, he has had several minor parts in productions starring such personages of the stage as Eva Le Gallienne, Helen Vinson and Preston Foster.

In 1938 he was stage manager for the production of "Lord Blesses the Bishop." He has also had parts in the "March of Time" broadcast.

**Soldiers Urged To Use AER**

### ODB Struggles Under Terrific Burden

With increased burdens placed on the still uncompleted organization of the Office of Dependency Benefits, there are unavoidable delays in processing applications for family allowances and allotments and in dispatching of checks," the War Department warned today in a memorandum sent to officials at Fort Benning.

"This is a matter of grave concern to the War Department and every effort must be made to familiarize enlisted men because of the difficulties resulting to families of enlisted men because of delays in the receipt of checks," the memorandum said. "Pending the completion of the organization of the Office of Dependency Benefits, which will be completed in early July, all applications for family allowances and allotments and in dispatching of checks."

"In many instances delays are attributable to failure on the part of enlisted men to submit promptly their application for family allowances or Class 'B' allotments. This occurs frequently when persons are ordered overseas or to unknown destinations."

The memorandum urged that all personnel be advised that the Army Emergency Relief "is ready and willing to assist to carry through of enlisted men through any period of financial embarrassment that may ensue while they are awaiting receipt of checks." It also urged that every effort should be made to utilize services of the ODR as soon as possible.

A. Lyons, Jr., is AER officer at Post Headquarters.

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